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Kentucky soybean acreage reaches new high

“Soybean acreage has nearly doubled since 2007,” said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. “The crop is a good fit for the current market and agronomic conditions. This year soybeans are planted on 34 percent of the principal field crop acreage. On the other hand, corn planted acreage is at the lowest level since 2009. Much of the decrease results from the shift to soybeans and other land uses.”

Soybeans planted in Kentucky were estimated at 2.10 million acres, up 150,000 acres from 2017. Acres harvested for grain, at 2.09 million acres, was 150,000 acres above acres a year ago. U.S. soybean planted area for 2018 was estimated at 89.6 million acres, down one percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 88.9 million acres, is down one percent from 2017.

Acreage planted to **corn** in Kentucky was estimated at 1.31 million acres, down 10,000 acres from 2017. Acres harvested for grain was estimated at 1.21 million acres, down 10,000 acres from last year. The U.S. corn planted for all purposes in 2018 was estimated at 89.1 million acres, down one percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 81.8 million acres for grain, down one percent from last year.

Farmers in Kentucky intend to set an estimated 55,000 acres of **burley tobacco** for harvest. This was down 8,000 from the 2017 level. **Dark fire-cured tobacco** acreage set was estimated at 11,000 acres, down 500 acres from the previous year. **Dark air-cured tobacco** acreage was estimated at 6,000 acres, unchanged from a year ago. Burley producing states acreage for harvest was estimated at 69,800 acres, 14 percent below last year.

Winter wheat seeded acreage in Kentucky was estimated at 460,000 acres, 20,000 acres below the previous year. Acreage harvested for grain was estimated at 350,000 acres, 40,000 acres above 2017. The U.S. Winter wheat planted area was estimated at 32.7 million acres, up slightly from 2017. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 24.8 million acres, down two percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay acreage in Kentucky was estimated at 140,000 acres, down 10,000 from the 2017 crop. **All other hay** was estimated at 2.10 million acres, up 100,000 from a year ago. The U.S. All hay acreage was estimated at 55.1 million acres, up two percent from 2017.

To view the complete Acreage report, visit <https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/acrg0618.pdf>. To view the complete Grain Stocks report, visit <https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/grst0618.pdf>. For more information, call the NASS Kentucky Field Office at (800) 928-5277.

Planted and Harvested Acres, June 2018 - Kentucky and United States

| | Kentucky | | | | United States | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Planted ¹ | | Harvested | | Planted ¹ | | Harvested | |
| | 2017 (1,000 acres) | 2018 (1,000 acres) | 2017 (1,000 acres) | 2018 ² (1,000 acres) | 2017 (1,000 acres) | 2018 (1,000 acres) | 2017 (1,000 acres) | 2018 ² (1,000 acres) |
| Corn | 1,320 | 1,310 | 1,220 | 1,210 | 90,167 | 89,128 | 82,703 | 81,770 |
| Soybeans | 1,950 | 2,100 | 1,940 | 2,090 | 90,142 | 89,557 | 89,522 | 88,862 |
| Wheat, Winter ³ | 480 | 460 | 310 | 350 | 32,696 | 32,732 | 25,291 | 24,831 |
| Hay: | | | | | | | | |
| All | -- | -- | 2,150 | 2,240 | -- | -- | 53,784 | 55,068 |
| Alfalfa | -- | -- | 150 | 140 | -- | -- | 16,563 | 17,351 |
| Other, All | | | 2,000 | 2,100 | | | 37,221 | 37,717 |
| | (acres) | (acres) | (acres) | (acres) | (acres) | (acres) | (acres) | (acres) |
| Tobacco: | | | | | | | | |
| All | -- | -- | 80,500 | 72,000 | -- | -- | 321,470 | 303,680 |
| Burley | -- | -- | 63,000 | 55,000 | -- | -- | 81,500 | 69,800 |
| Dark Fire-Cured | -- | -- | 11,500 | 11,000 | -- | -- | 19,270 | 18,080 |
| Dark Air-Cured | -- | -- | 6,000 | 6,000 | -- | -- | 7,600 | 7,500 |

¹ Commodities with planted estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). ² Forecasted. ³ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

Winter Wheat, Selected States & U.S., July 1, 2018

| State | Area Planted | | Area Harvested | | Yield/Ac | | | Production | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | | 2017 | 2018 |
| | | | | | | June | July | | |
| | (1,000 Ac) | (1,000 Ac) | (1,000 Ac) | (1,000 Ac) | (Bushels) | (Bushels) | (Bushels) | (1,000 bushels) | (1,000 bushels) |
| Colorado | 2,250 | 2,200 | 2,020 | 2,050 | 43.0 | 40.0 | 37.0 | 86,860 | 75,850 |
| Illinois | 500 | 590 | 470 | 550 | 76.0 | 75.0 | 69.0 | 35,720 | 37,950 |
| Indiana | 290 | 310 | 240 | 255 | 74.0 | 78.0 | 76.0 | 17,760 | 19,380 |
| Kansas | 7,600 | 7,800 | 6,950 | 7,300 | 48.0 | 37.0 | 38.0 | 333,600 | 277,400 |
| KENTUCKY | 480 | 460 | 310 | 350 | 77.0 | 80.0 | 65.0 | 23,870 | 22,750 |
| Missouri | 640 | 660 | 540 | 530 | 68.0 | 65.0 | 64.0 | 36,720 | 33,920 |
| Montana | 1,750 | 1,600 | 1,590 | 1,450 | 42.0 | 48.0 | 50.0 | 66,780 | 72,500 |
| Nebraska | 1,120 | 1,100 | 1,020 | 1,000 | 46.0 | 45.0 | 48.0 | 46,920 | 48,000 |
| Ohio | 460 | 490 | 435 | 450 | 74.0 | 79.0 | 79.0 | 32,190 | 35,550 |
| Oklahoma | 4,500 | 4,400 | 2,900 | 2,200 | 34.0 | 26.0 | 25.0 | 98,600 | 55,000 |
| South Dakota | 910 | 830 | 520 | 730 | 40.0 | 54.0 | 52.0 | 20,800 | 37,960 |
| Tennessee | 370 | 390 | 275 | 295 | 70.0 | 75.0 | 63.0 | 19,250 | 18,585 |
| Texas | 4,700 | 4,600 | 2,350 | 1,800 | 29.0 | 27.0 | 30.0 | 68,150 | 54,000 |
| Washington | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,650 | 1,650 | 73.0 | 73.0 | 76.0 | 120,450 | 125,400 |
| U.S. | 32,696 | 32,732 | 25,291 | 24,831 | 50.2 | 48.4 | 48.0 | 1,269,437 | 1,192,585 |

Kentucky and United States Stocks of Grain, June 1, 2018 with Comparisons

| Crop & Position | Kentucky | | | United States | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | Jun 2017 | Mar 2018 ¹ | Jun 2018 | Jun 2017 | Mar 2018 ¹ | Jun 2018 |
| | <i>(000 Bushels)</i> | <i>(000 Bushels)</i> | <i>(000 Bushels)</i> | <i>(000 Bushels)</i> | <i>(000 Bushels)</i> | <i>(000 Bushels)</i> |
| Corn | | | | | | |
| On-Farm | 17,000 | 64,000 | 28,000 | 2,841,400 | 5,002,000 | 2,750,100 |
| Off-Farm ² | 14,748 | 29,728 | 21,774 | 2,387,682 | 3,890,126 | 2,555,840 |
| Total | 31,748 | 93,728 | 49,774 | 5,229,082 | 8,892,126 | 5,305,940 |
| Sorghum | | | | | | |
| On-Farm | (³) | (³) | (³) | 8,620 | 13,250 | 5,220 |
| Off-Farm ² | (D) | (D) | (D) | 76,088 | 127,006 | 60,094 |
| Total | (D) | (D) | (D) | 84,708 | 140,256 | 65,314 |
| Oats | | | | | | |
| On-Farm | (³) | (³) | (³) | 13,540 | 17,240 | 11,410 |
| Off-Farm ² | 35 | 49 | 39 | 36,790 | 37,699 | 29,614 |
| Total | 35 | 49 | 39 | 50,330 | 54,939 | 41,024 |
| Barley | | | | | | |
| On-Farm | (³) | (³) | (³) | 27,050 | 48,540 | 26,420 |
| Off-Farm ² | (D) | (D) | (D) | 79,314 | 81,491 | 68,317 |
| Total | (D) | (D) | (D) | 106,364 | 130,031 | 94,737 |
| All Wheat | | | | | | |
| On-Farm | (D) | (D) | (D) | 191,755 | 259,310 | 130,475 |
| Off-Farm ² | 6,129 | 10,936 | 6,364 | 988,847 | 1,236,131 | 969,812 |
| Total | (D) | (D) | (D) | 1,180,602 | 1,495,441 | 1,100,287 |
| Soybeans | | | | | | |
| On-Farm | (D) | (D) | (D) | 332,500 | 855,000 | 377,000 |
| Off-Farm ² | 3,329 | 12,387 | 7,465 | 633,356 | 1,254,303 | 844,501 |
| Total | (D) | (D) | (D) | 965,856 | 2,109,303 | 1,221,501 |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Data may have been revised. ² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. ³ Not available.

Livestock Average Prices Received ¹

| Commodity | United States | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| | May 2017 | Apr 2018 | May 2018 |
| | \$ / Cwt. | \$ / Cwt. | \$ / Cwt. |
| All Hogs | 53.60 | 45.30 | 51.50 |
| Barrows & Gilts | 53.80 | 45.50 | 51.80 |
| Sows | 50.00 | 40.20 | 43.50 |
| All Beef Cattle ³ | 136.00 | 119.00 | 120.00 |
| Steers & Heifers ⁴ | 138.00 | 122.00 | 122.00 |
| Cows | 73.30 | 67.50 | 66.20 |
| Calves ⁵ | 171.00 | 170.00 | 165.00 |

¹ U.S. prices based on data provided by USDA AMS. ² "Steers & Heifers" and "Cows" combined. ³ 500 lbs. and over. ⁴ Under 500 lbs.

Crop Average Prices Received ¹

| Commodity | Kentucky | | U.S. | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | May 2017 | May 2018 | May 2017 | May 2018 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| All Corn (Bu) ²³ | 3.76 | 3.95 | 3.45 | 3.67 |
| Soybeans (Bu) ² | 9.61 | 10.10 | 9.29 | 9.84 |
| Winter Wheat (Bu) ² | (4) | (4) | 3.77 | 5.05 |
| Hay, Alfalfa (Ton) | 215.00 | 215.00 | 157.00 | 189.00 |
| Hay, Other (Ton) | 110.00 | 130.00 | 127.00 | 122.00 |

¹ Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. ² Includes contract sales paid during month. ³ Includes yellow and white corn. ⁴ Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 17.9 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from May 2017. April revised production, at 17.3 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from April 2017. The April revision represented a decrease of 18 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 2,052 pounds for May, 15 pounds above May 2017. This is the highest production per cow for the month of May since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.74 million head, 10,000 head more than May 2017, and 2,000 head more than April 2018.

Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Numbers by Class & Weight Groups
June 1, 2017 - 2018, Selected States and U.S.

| State | Total | | Breeding | | Market | | Market Hogs | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | < 50 | 50-119 | 120-179 | > 180 |
| | | | | | | | pounds | | | |
| | | | | | | | 2018 | | | |
| | <i>1,000 hd</i> | <i>1,000 hd</i> | <i>1,000 hd</i> | <i>1,000 hd</i> | <i>1,000 hd</i> | <i>1,000 hd</i> | <i>1,000 hd</i> | <i>1,000 hd</i> | <i>1,000 hd</i> | <i>1,000 hd</i> |
| CO | 720 | 760 | 155 | 155 | 565 | 605 | 290 | 120 | 95 | 100 |
| IL | 5,250 | 5,350 | 530 | 570 | 4,720 | 4,780 | 1,550 | 1,510 | 880 | 840 |
| IN | 3,950 | 4,000 | 260 | 250 | 3,690 | 3,750 | 940 | 1,150 | 830 | 830 |
| IA | 21,900 | 22,700 | 1,030 | 1,040 | 20,870 | 21,660 | 5,590 | 7,150 | 5,220 | 3,700 |
| KS | 1,950 | 2,040 | 160 | 165 | 1,790 | 1,875 | 420 | 520 | 375 | 560 |
| MI | 1,110 | 1,200 | 110 | 120 | 1,000 | 1,080 | 310 | 290 | 220 | 260 |
| MN | 8,500 | 8,600 | 570 | 580 | 7,930 | 8,020 | 2,610 | 2,490 | 1,780 | 1,140 |
| MO | 3,250 | 3,500 | 440 | 460 | 2,810 | 3,040 | 1,505 | 590 | 475 | 470 |
| NE | 3,400 | 3,550 | 420 | 430 | 2,980 | 3,120 | 1,050 | 840 | 650 | 580 |
| NC | 8,900 | 8,900 | 880 | 910 | 8,020 | 7,990 | 3,370 | 1,840 | 1,450 | 1,330 |
| OH | 2,700 | 2,900 | 190 | 190 | 2,510 | 2,710 | 690 | 750 | 680 | 590 |
| OK | 2,020 | 2,160 | 450 | 460 | 1,570 | 1,700 | 785 | 400 | 225 | 290 |
| PA | 1,190 | 1,310 | 105 | 120 | 1,085 | 1,190 | 320 | 355 | 255 | 260 |
| SD | 1,490 | 1,680 | 200 | 240 | 1,290 | 1,440 | 510 | 380 | 270 | 280 |
| TX | 910 | 1,140 | 125 | 145 | 785 | 995 | 300 | 275 | 165 | 255 |
| UT | 680 | 530 | 75 | 80 | 605 | 450 | 175 | 90 | 90 | 95 |
| Other ¹ | 3,090 | 3,131 | 409 | 405 | 2,681 | 2,726 | 972 | 638 | 538 | 577 |
| US | 71,010 | 73,451 | 6,109 | 6,320 | 64,901 | 67,131 | 21,387 | 19,388 | 14,198 | 12,157 |

¹ Individual State estimates not available for the 34 other States. Kentucky included in "Other".

Internet Access: Data including this report are available free of charge on our Internet homepage located at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ky>. Links to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the University of Kentucky Agricultural Weather Center and other web sites related to Kentucky Agriculture are also included. National & State reports and data are available on the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service homepage located at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>